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MEETS

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YOUR CRIME
CAREER IS **FINISHED**,
PETE! I'VE CORNERED
YOU AT LAST!

SO! YOU THINK
YOU DON'T NEED
THE **REST** OF THE
FANTASTIC FOUR, EH?
YOU THINK YOU
ALONE ARE A MATCH
FOR ME?!!

WELL, YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
LEARN
DIFFERENTLY,
YOU BLAZING
BRAT!



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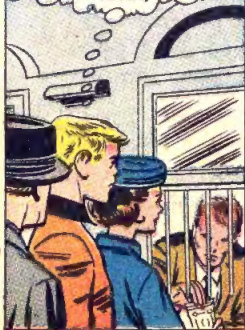
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TO THE PEOPLE OF GLENVILLE, JOHNNY STORM IS JUST AN AVERAGE TEEN-AGER WHO ATTENDS HIGH SCHOOL AND LIKES HOT RODS! AND, LIKE MANY OF HIS PALS, JOHNNY HAS A SMALL SAVINGS ACCOUNT AT THE TOWN BANK...

HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL! I ABSENT-MINDEDLY ALMOST WROTE "HUMAN TORCH" ON THE DEPOSIT SLIP!



IT WOULD TAKE ONLY ONE SUCH ACCIDENT FOR MY SECRET IDENTITY TO BE DISCOVERED! THEN JOHNNY STORM WOULD BE A CELEBRITY! I'D HAVE NO PRIVACY! I'D BE UNABLE TO DO UNDERCOVER WORK!



SUDDENLY, A FLAMBOYANT FIGURE BURSTS INTO THE BANK!

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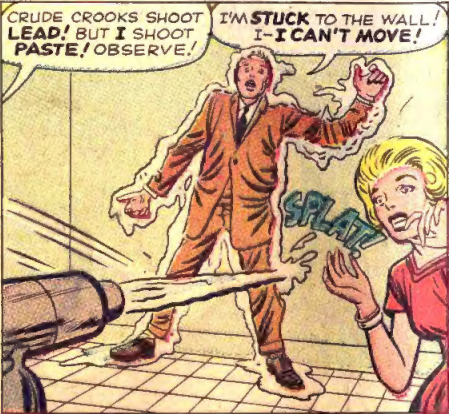
STOP! YOU CAN'T COME BACK HERE!

GUARD! GUARD!!



CRUDE CROOKS SHOOT LEAD! BUT I SHOOT PASTE! OBSERVE!

I'M STUCK TO THE WALL! I-I CAN'T MOVE!



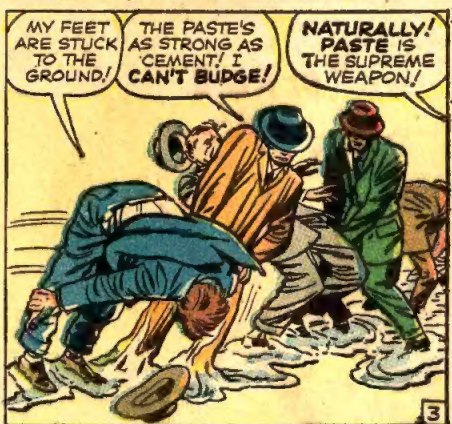
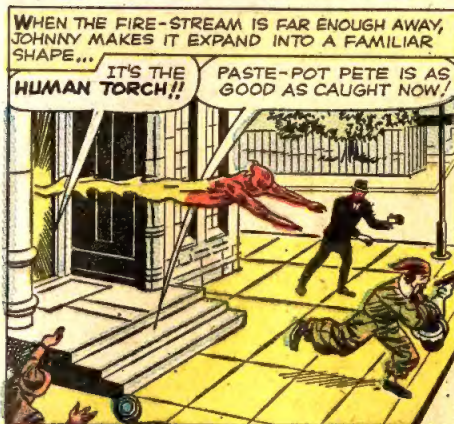
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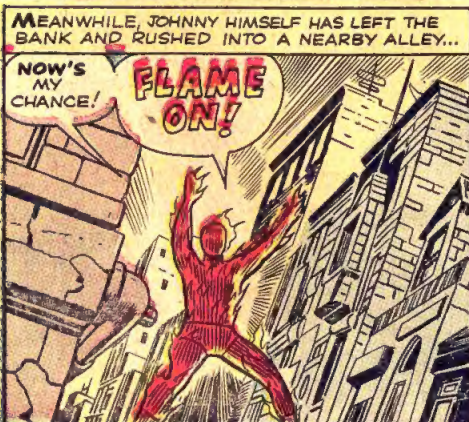
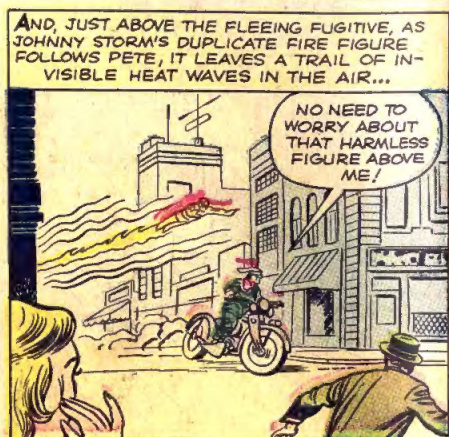
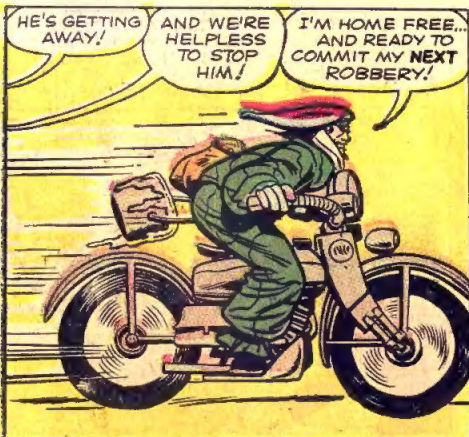


...IF IT'S PASTED TO ITS HOLSTER?!

I CAN'T PULL IT OUT! IT WON'T BUDGE!







A SHORT TIME LATER...

THE HEAT WAVES
LEAD ALONG THIS
ROAD!

THERE'S PETE'S ABANDONED
MOTORCYCLE! HE MUST'VE SWITCHED
TO ANOTHER MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION TO
THROW THE POLICE OFF
THE TRAIL!



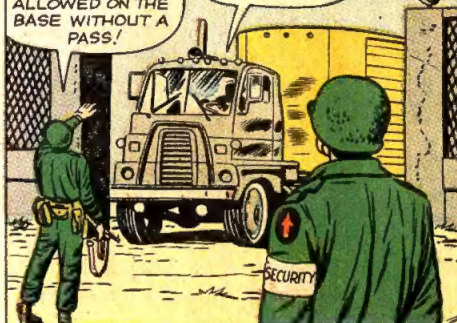
BUT NO MATTER **WHAT** HE'S NOW DRIVING,
I'LL OVERTAKE HIM SO LONG AS MY
IMITATION TORCH STAYS ON HIS TAIL!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT, AT A NEARBY MISSILE
BASE...

SORRY, BUDDY--
NOBODY'S
ALLOWED ON THE
BASE WITHOUT A
PASS!

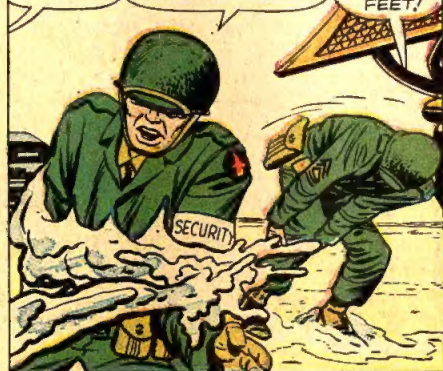
OH, THAT'S TOO
BAD!



...TOO BAD
FOR YOU!!

MY ARMS--THEY'RE
STUCK TO MY SIDES!

I CAN'T
MOVE MY
FEET!

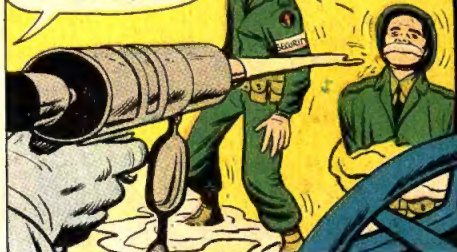


AND IN CASE
YOU INTEND
CALLING FOR
HELP...

MMMPHHH--

NO!--
UMMPH--

...YOU'LL FIND YOUR
LIPS SEALED, TOO...
FOR THE NEXT HOUR
OR SO!



NOW TO
STEAL THE
GOVERNMENT'S
LATEST MISSILE!
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EXPERIMENTAL
TYPE FOR WHICH
ANY RED NATION
WOULD PAY A
FORTUNE!

THEN, I'LL
EITHER SELL
IT BACK TO
THIS
GOVERNMENT,
OR TO SOME
OTHER--
WHICHEVER
OFFERS ME
MORE MONEY!

IT WILL
BE THE
BOLDEST
CRIME OF
THE CENTURY!



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VENUS!

MONONGAHELA MUN-ROE was the first man on Venus. He knew it. Back on Earth, the thundering crowds that had seen his ship off on its maiden flight, had known it. He could remember the weeping, waving, girls; the strong, manly handclasps; the bunting and gay banners that surrounded ANDERSON Field on that memorable day—two weeks ago—when the *Congressman Newton* took off for Venus. But if he was the first man on Venus, why was his left foot caught tightly and irremovably in a late nineteenth century beartrap?

Heat and pain produced hallucinations into his brain. He could be crazy. It might be a delusion—and yet the pain was horribly real. He lifted his head and shielding his eyes from the burning sun, he looked back over the mountainous terrain he had traveled in the past five hours. He looked down at the trap again and let a sob escape from his lips. This was stupid. He—Monongahela Monroe, explorer extraordinary, adventure-scarred veteran of hundreds of treks into the interior of darkest Europa—caught in an ancient trap, and very obviously and amateurishly contrived and set at that.

But—who would have been on the lookout for it? He fumbled in his plastic jacket for a cigarette and groaned between clenched teeth at the throb of agony the movement had

brought.

He had left his ship, blaster in one hand, and recording camera clicking away at his waist. Cautiously, he had picked his way through the purple, bloated, ankle-high grass, eyes peeled for signs of animal life. The purple plain had stretched endlessly into the horizon, its sameness broken only by clumps of five or six low-foliaged, twisted trees, and by low hills of rocks.

The hills were too evenly spaced to be natural, but the two or three he had taken apart revealed nothing but the solid heap of irregular, fist-sized boulders, piled as high as Monogahela's waist.

After five miles of nothing but purple grass, twisted trees and stone haystacks, he came upon the brook. By this time the quiet had begun to unnerve him, and he found himself increasingly worried about the mysterious mound builders. Who were they? Where were they?

It was when he'd looked into the glass-clear brook that it had happened. The tiny aquatic animals, lashing heads on either ends had reminded him of the man-eating *piranhas* of darkest America, he'd smiled knowingly to himself. This was one chance that a novice might have taken, but he, of course, knew better. Oh yes! So he'd leaped the brook, and landed on the other side smack into a bear trap that sunk its razor-sharp teeth into

both his legs.

He could tell that his left leg was broken. His right leg? He wasn't sure. He coughed and flipped the cigarette into the brook. Before it reached the water one of the fish—he thought of them as fish—shot out and grabbed it in the mouth of one of its heads. Monroe twisted back in surprise—pain shooting up his thigh. But he blinked and looked again at what he saw then. The creature didn't fall back into the smooth mirrored surface of the brook. Instead eight other *fishes* leaped immediately into action, one beneath the other—like master jugglers—balancing the top one, who proceeded to blow smoke out of the other head.

Mouth open, Monongahela watched unbelievably until the cigarette had been smoked to a half-inch butt. Then the crazy pyramid dissolved back into the water and only the smooth surface of the brook could be seen again.

Monongahela drew in a breath sharply and discovered to his surprise that he had sat down while the floor-show was on. The pain in his legs, momentarily forgotten, returned in a wave of anguish.

He fumbled in his plastic jacket and brought out a spray hypodermic. He depressed the plunger over his leg and sighed with relief as the hundred c.c.'s of pseudomorphine took hold. Thank the lord, at least he'd

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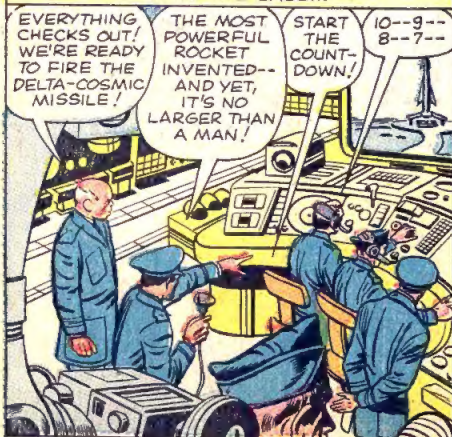
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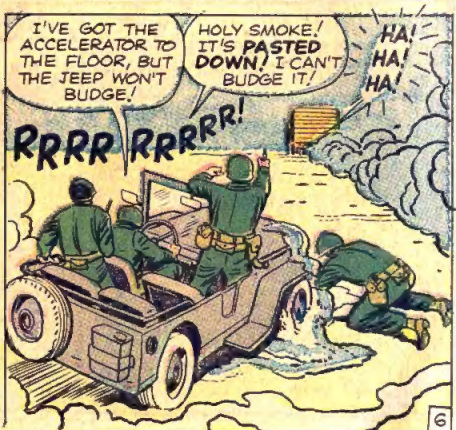
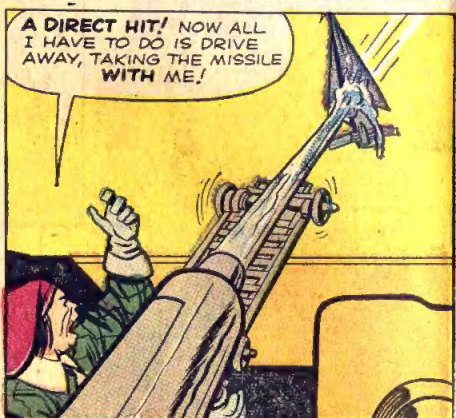
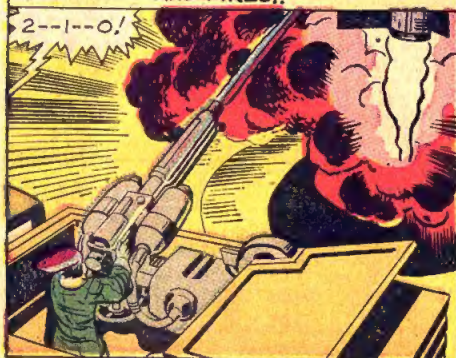
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AND, EVEN AS PASTE-POT PETE STEALS
ONTO THE BASE...

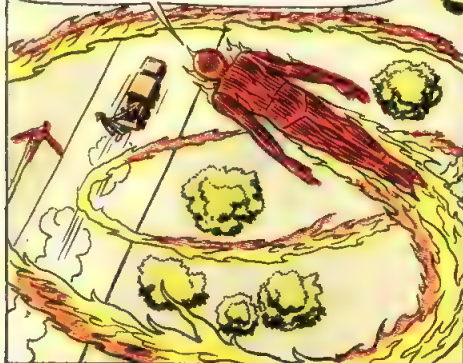


UNCOVERING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED PASTE
CANNON, PETE AIMS IT AT THE MIGHTY MISSILE
AND FIRES!!

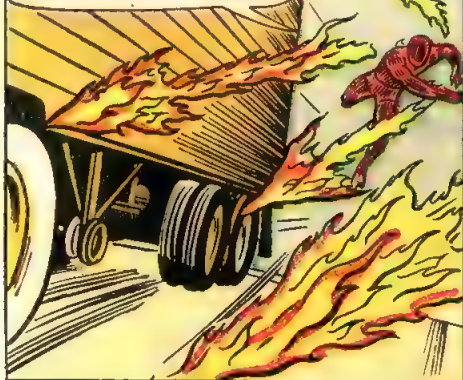


BUT, BEFORE THE TRIUMPHANT LAUGH OF
THE SUPER-CRIMINAL CAN FADE AWAY...

THERE'S MY FIERY DUPLICATE... AND
BELOW IT IS PASTE-POT PETE HIMSELF!
THIS TIME HE WON'T ESCAPE ME!

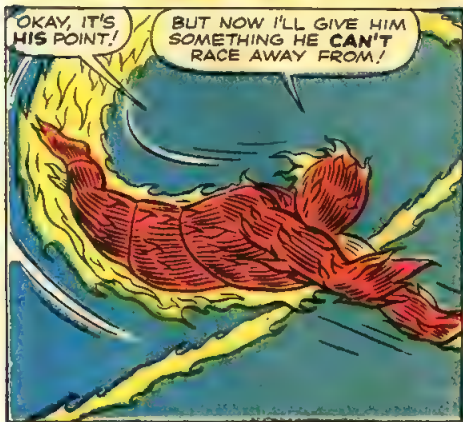


... AND HURL THEM AT THE
GETAWAY TRUCK'S TIRES!



OKAY, IT'S
HIS POINT!

BUT NOW I'LL GIVE HIM
SOMETHING HE CAN'T
RACE AWAY FROM!

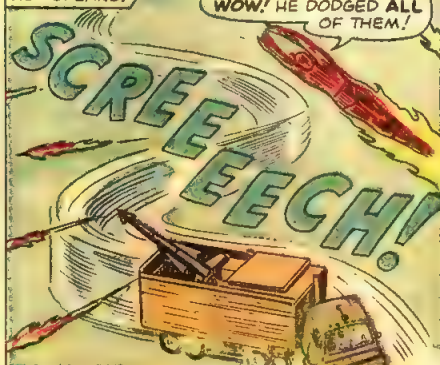


I'LL JUST TRANSFORM MY BLAZING IMAGE
INTO FLAMING SPEARS...

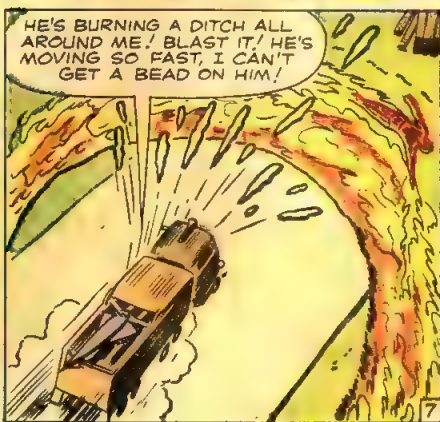


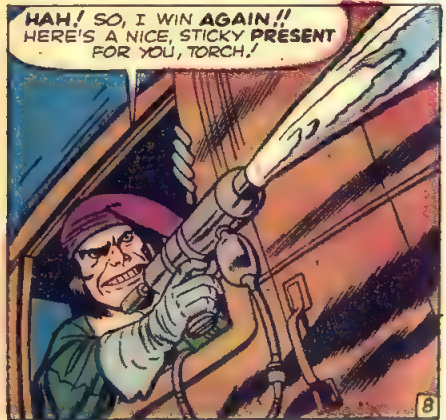
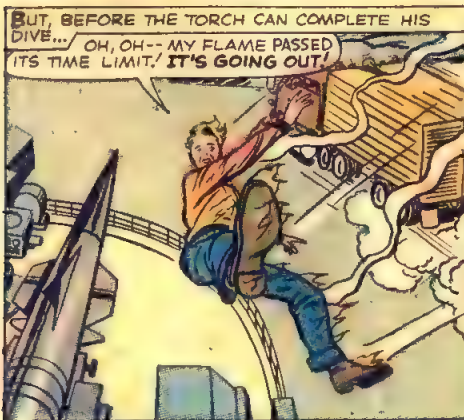
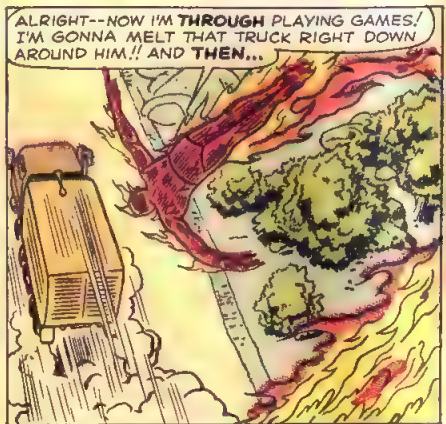
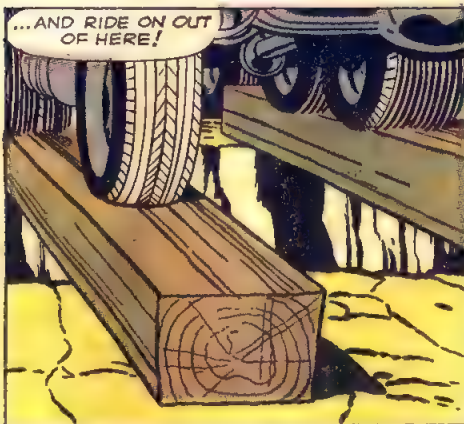
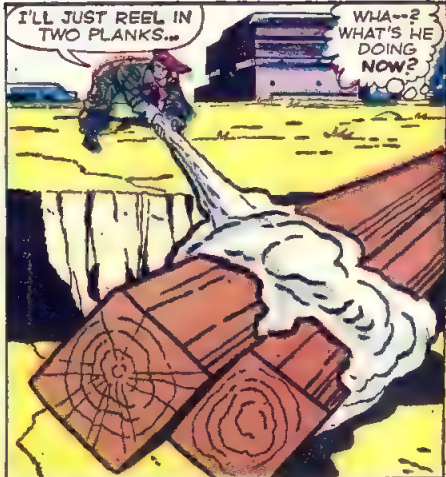
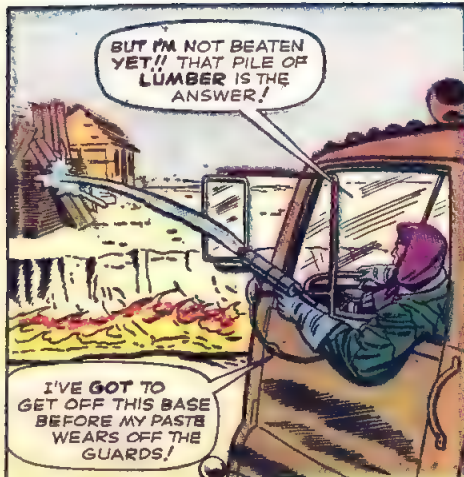
BUT PETE'S LIGHTNING-FAST REFLEXES ENABLE
HIM TO MANEUVER THE TRUCK PAST THE RED-
HOT SPEARS!

WOW! HE DODGED ALL
OF THEM!

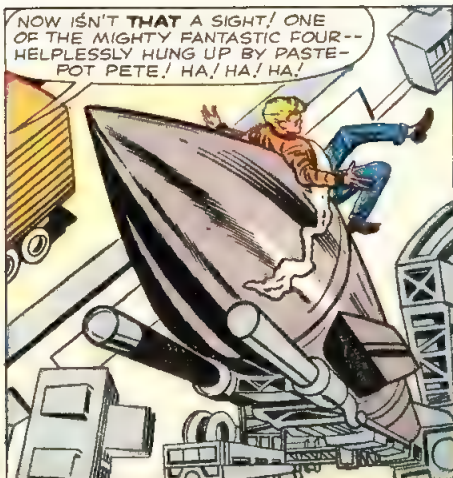


HE'S BURNING A DITCH ALL
AROUND ME! BLAST IT! HE'S
MOVING SO FAST, I CAN'T
GET A BEAD ON HIM!

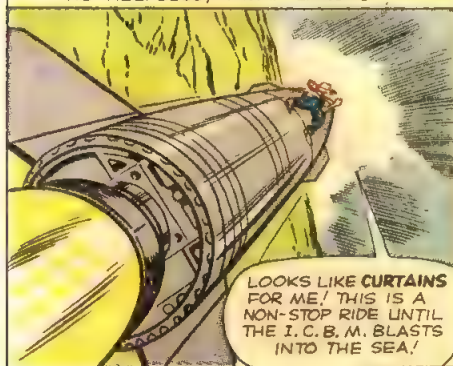




NOW ISN'T **THAT** A SIGHT! ONE OF THE MIGHTY FANTASTIC FOUR-- HELPLESSLY HUNG UP BY PASTE-POT PETE! HA, HA, HA!



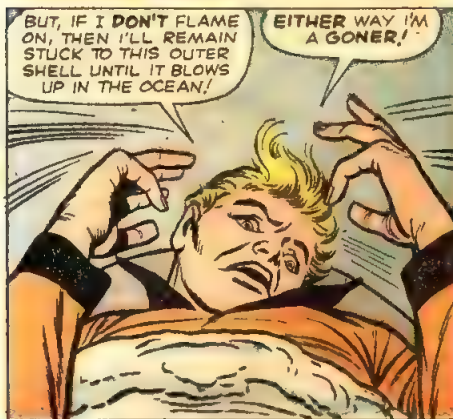
WITH A THUNDERING SURGE OF POWER, THE HUGE ROCKET SOARS SKYWARD... CARRYING ITS HELPLESS, HUMAN CARGO!



LOOKS LIKE **CURTAINS** FOR ME! THIS IS A NON-STOP RIDE UNTIL THE I. C. B. M. BLASTS INTO THE SEA!

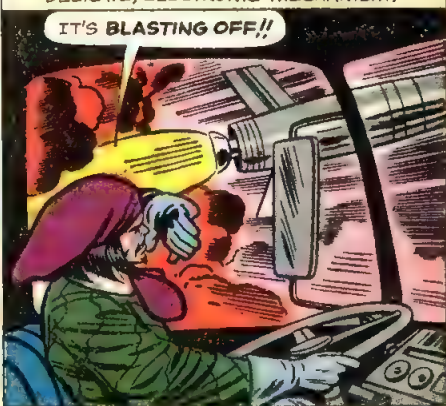
BUT, IF I DON'T FLAME ON, THEN I'LL REMAIN STUCK TO THIS OUTER SHELL UNTIL IT BLOWS UP IN THE OCEAN!

EITHER WAY I'M A GONER!



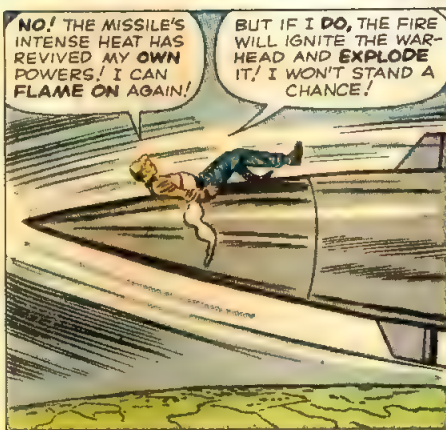
BUT, UNOBSERVED BY THE TORCH AND HIS ROE, SOME OF THE PASTE SEEPS INTO THE MISSILE... AND A MOMENT LATER IT TRIGGERS OFF THE DELICATE, ELECTRONIC MECHANISM.

IT'S **BLASTING OFF!!**



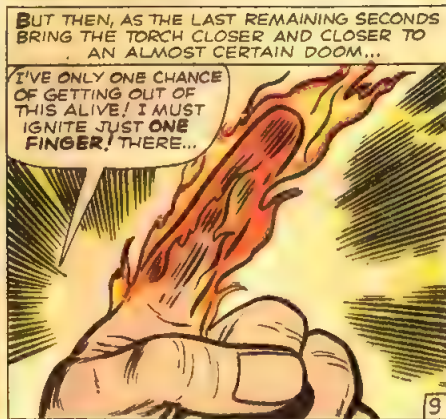
NO! THE MISSILE'S INTENSE HEAT HAS REVIVED MY OWN POWERS! I CAN FLAME ON AGAIN!

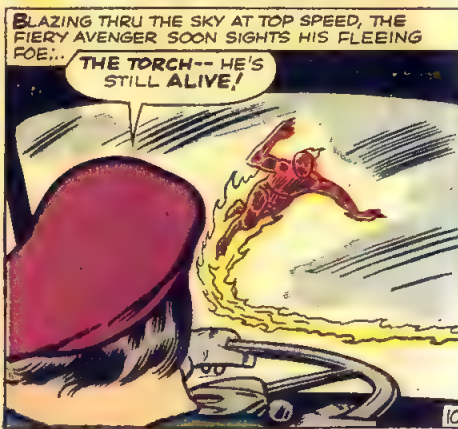
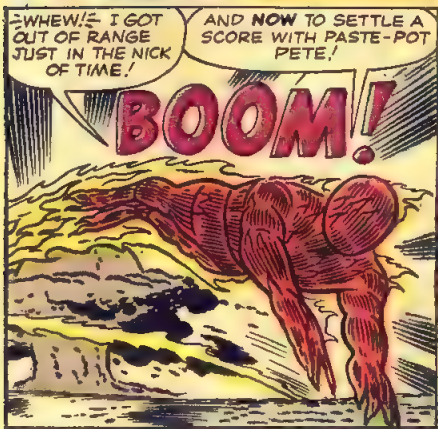
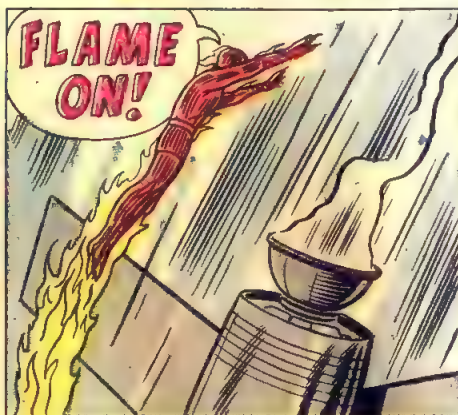
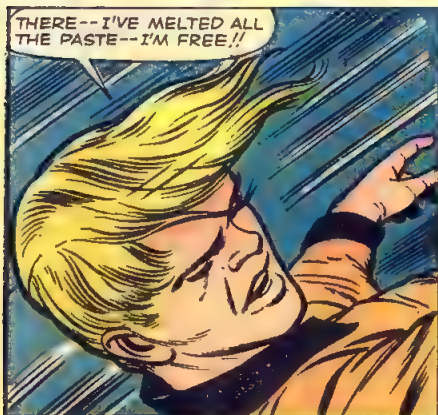
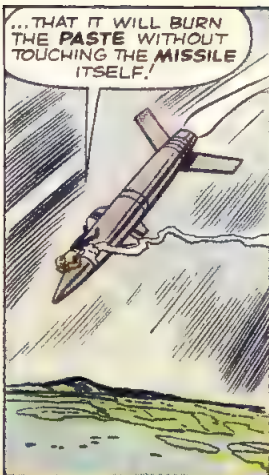
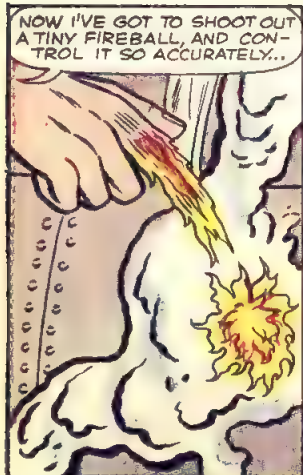
BUT IF I **DO**, THE FIRE WILL IGNITE THE WAR-HEAD AND **EXPLODE** IT! I WON'T STAND A CHANCE!



BUT THEN, AS THE LAST REMAINING SECONDS BRING THE TORCH CLOSER AND CLOSER TO AN ALMOST CERTAIN DOOM...

I'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE OF GETTING OUT OF THIS ALIVE! I MUST IGNITE JUST **ONE FINGER!** THERE...





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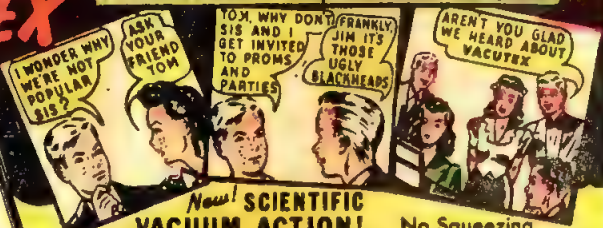
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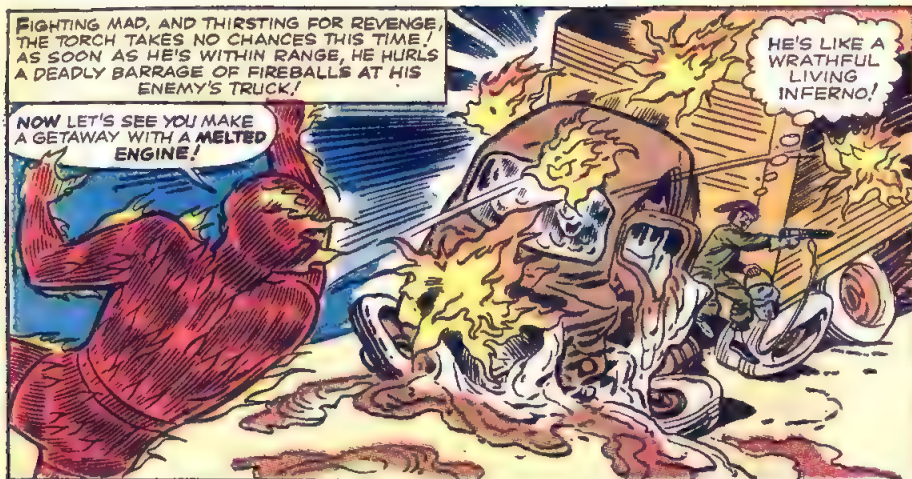
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SORRY, NO C.O.D.

FIGHTING MAD, AND THIRSTING FOR REVENGE, THE TORCH TAKES NO CHANCES THIS TIME! AS SOON AS HE'S WITHIN RANGE, HE HURLS A DEADLY BARRAGE OF FIREBALLS AT HIS ENEMY'S TRUCK!

NOW LET'S SEE YOU MAKE A GETAWAY WITH A MELTED ENGINE!

HE'S LIKE A WRATHFUL LIVING INFERNO!



BUT NO FLAMING FREAK CAN DEFEAT PASTE-POT PETE, IF IT'S A SHOWDOWN YOU WANT, YOU'LL GET IT!

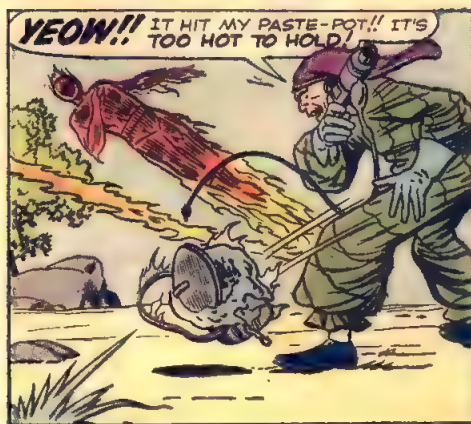
COME CLOSER! I DARE YOU!



I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE, MISTER... SOON, AS I SEND A FIRE-BALL AHEAD OF ME!



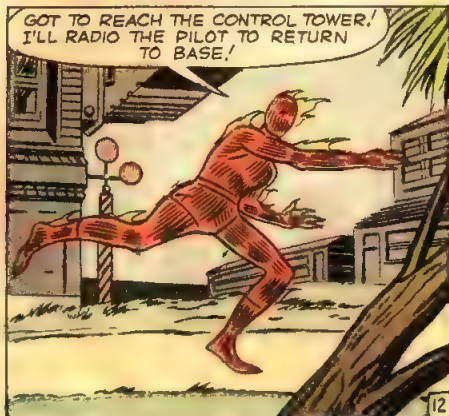
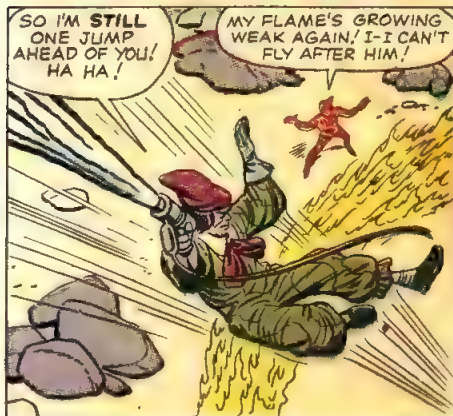
YEOW!! IT HIT MY PASTE-POT!! IT'S TOO HOT TO HOLD!



NEXT, TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, I'LL SURROUND YOU WITH A CIRCLE OF CONTROLLED FLAME!

BLAST YOU! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!!





BUT, FLYING AT NEARLY THE SPEED OF SOUND, THE SWIFT JET IS OVER THE OCEAN WHEN THE MESSAGE IS RECEIVED!

WHAT IS THIS-- SOME KIND OF GAG?? OKAY... OKAY... DON'T GET EXCITED...

CHARLIE, SEE IF THERE'S A GUY HANGING FROM THE PLANE!

THERE'S MY BOAT, WAITING FOR ME!

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HOLY SMOKE! THERE **WAS** SOMEONE! HE--HE'S DIVING INTO THE SEA!

BECAUSE OF THE TORCH, MY ENTIRE BRILLIANT PLAN NETTED ME **NOTHING!** IN FACT, I'M LUCKY TO ESCAPE WITH MY SKIN!

YOU HIRED ME TO MEET YOU HERE, AND GET YOU OUT OF THE COUNTRY, IN CASE SOMETHING WENT WRONG! BUT I NEVER GUESSED THAT YOU'D ARRIVE THIS WAY!

NEITHER DID I, YOU FOOL!

WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE?

NO TIME FOR STUPID QUESTIONS! HEAD INTO THE FOG BEFORE THAT BLASTED HUMAN TORCH CAN FIND ME AGAIN!

AND, WHILE THE FANTASTIC PASTE-POT PETE ESCAPES INTO THE MIST...

OUR NEW DELTA MISSILE IS IN SAFE HANDS AGAIN!

AND WE'VE RECOVERED THE LOOT FROM THE BANK ROBBERY! IT WAS HIDDEN UNDER THE SEAT OF PETE'S TRUCK!

GOOD!

WELL, TORCH, YOU SURE STOPPED THE PASTE-POT THIEF! I'LL BET HE WON'T DARE TO SHOW UP AGAIN!

WON'T HE?

I WONDER!!

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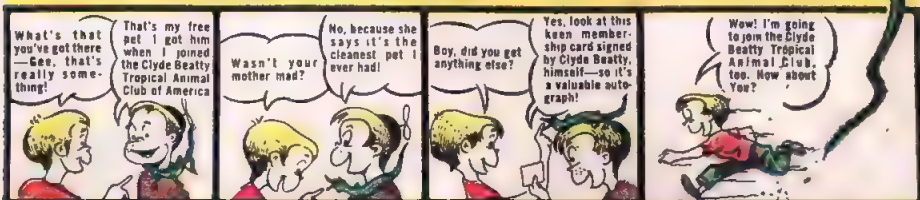
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HARRY MARKHAM, A GENT
WHO MAKES EBENEZER
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LOOK LIKE GENEROUS SPEND-
THRIFTS!

I DON'T CARE
HOW BADLY YOUR
WIFE NEEDS AN
OPERATION! I'M NOT
GIVING YOU A RAISE!

NOW
GET OUT
OF HERE!



YOU'RE FIVE SECONDS
LATE, WILLOWBY! YOU
KNOW I FORBID
TARDINESS!

BUT, MR.
MARKHAM--
THE TRAIN
HAD AN
ACCIDENT!



I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR
TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS!
YOU'RE **DEMOTED!** IT'S BACK
TO THE STOCK ROOM FOR YOU!



YES, HARRY MARKHAM IS ONE NASTY GUY!

MISERABLE BUNCH OF SHIRKERS! THEY'D
ALL LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME!
BUT I WON'T LET THEM! I KEEP
THEIR NOSES TO THE GRINDSTONE
FROM MORNING TO NIGHT!



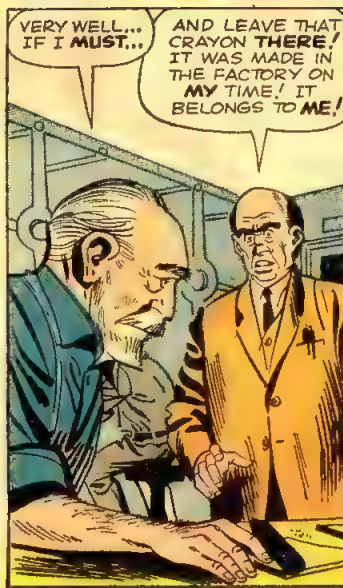
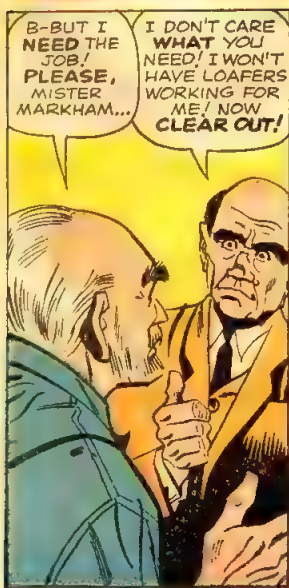
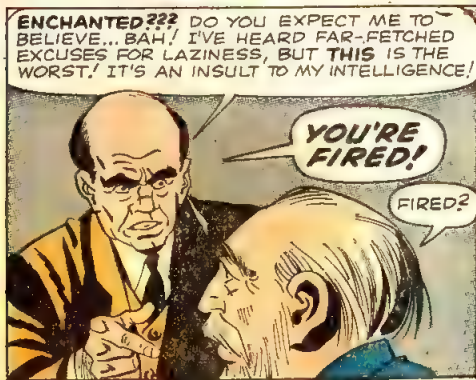
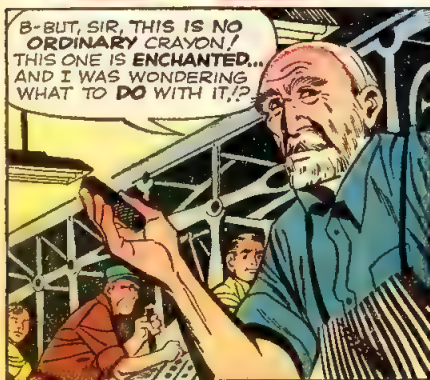
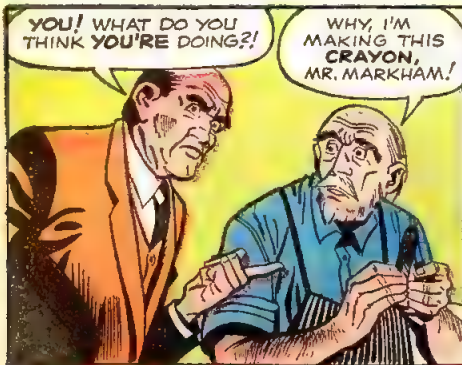
FASTER, YOU LOAFERS! FASTER!
I WANT TO STEP UP PRODUCTION...
TO TURN OUT EVEN MORE
CRAYONS THAN LAST
MONTH!

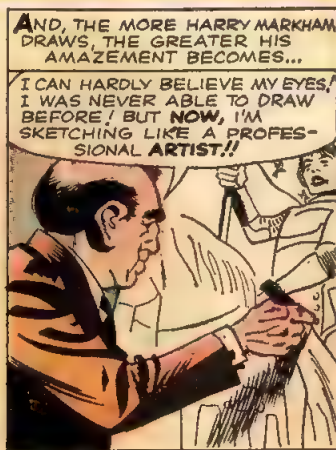
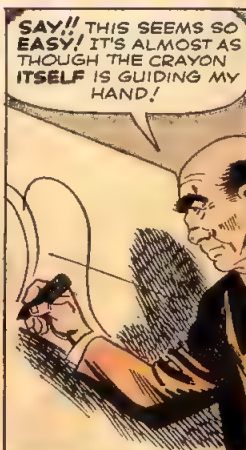
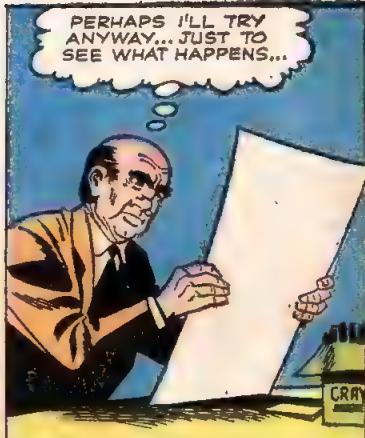


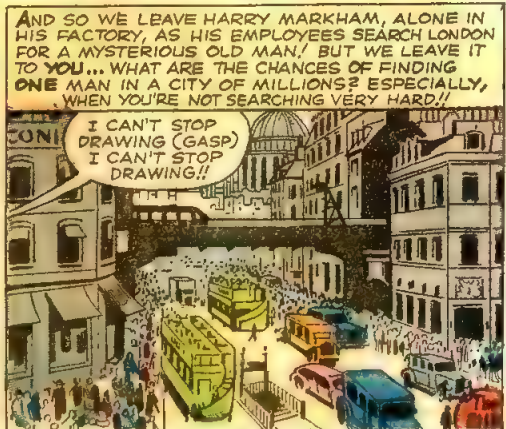
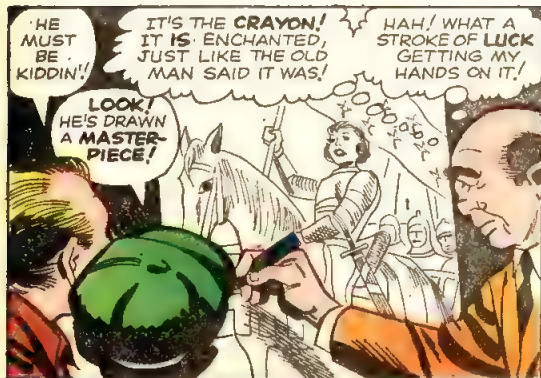
BUT SUDDENLY...

SAY!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON
OVER
THERE??









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BE A WHEEL IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
WITH THE
NEW

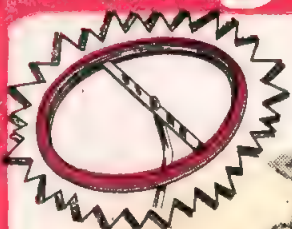
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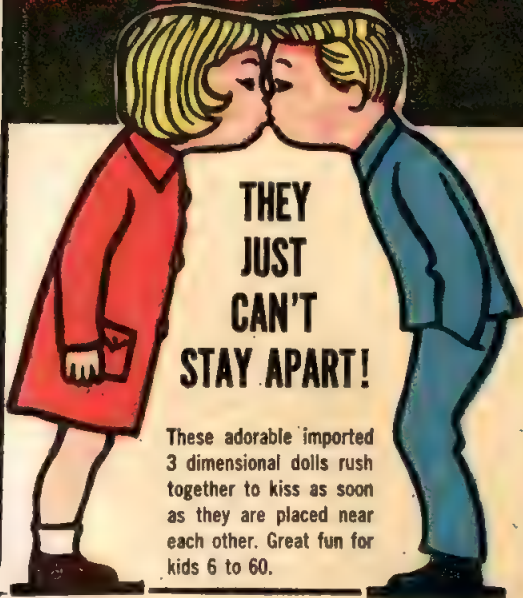
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All sensation gone from the hips down, he was able to concentrate on his problem. Should he try to free himself from the trap and attempt to drag himself over the five miles separating him from his ship? Would it be better to wait for the setters of the trap to find him? Obviously, they had not intended to catch a human—or had they? Could they have known he was coming?

Now he was being foolish. Even if they had, how would they know he would come in this direction and step in this particular spot? Perhaps they had traps placed in hundreds of other strategic places, and this just happened to be the first he'd blundered into. Still, it seemed offhand that there were more logical ways of catching him, if that indeed had been the trapper's intention.

He bent forward awkwardly, dropping his blaster at his side, and tried to pry the jaws of the trap apart. Five minutes of straining convinced him that it was beyond his strength—at least, under his present conditions.

He leaned back, grunting, and his right hand reached for the blaster. He groped blindly for a moment, then looked down, panic-stricken. The blaster was gone!

And in its place lay the water-soaked half-inch cigarette butt! He shrank away from it and clawed at the trap again—this was indeed madness. He had to get away, to think these things out as clearly as possible.

He screamed out into the silence of the plains. "Who are you? What do you want with me?" The sound of his voice died with a frightening sudden-

ness, and a fish leaped out of the water spitting an echo at him.

"Whooyoo? Wadooyoo want-wizme?"

Hundreds of them leaped out of the water hooking themselves together by their hooked teeth like sections in a steel rod. They formed a shape that looked like the line caricature of a man's



skeleton. A circle for a head, two swinging lashing arms, and trembling, swaying legs. The words came flowing in spine-chilling harmony.

"Whooyoo? Wadooyoo want-wizme?"

Suddenly the fish all dropped back into the water. He heard the sound of a deep roar in the sky above him. It looked like—it was—an Earth ship. The second ship of the convoy that was coming out to colonize Venus. He had to send an S.O.S. before

they landed or they would never find him. There had to be some way to signal them. He couldn't think of a way, and finally it was too late. The ship downed rockets and he could tell that they had landed miles away from him. He was as good as dead now. He had about decided that these fish-creatures who smoked cigarettes, and stole blasters, and echoed things he said, were the only creatures that lived on Venus. Perhaps many years ago another Earth-traveler had landed on this planet and left this trap in hope of catching some animal for food. He had probably starved to death.

Suddenly it came to him. A way he could contact that Earth-ship. He called out in his weak voice. "Help!"

The fish leaped out of the brook and called, "Hel-up!" Other fish from other brooks took up the cry. "Hel-up! Hel-up!" The sound was relayed down the strange-hills of Venus. He knew that it would get to the ship, and that they would know he was alive, and come for him. . . .

Three days later, he was starving and weak. He was about to give up all hope of being saved, when he heard footsteps behind him. He turned and saw three men dressed in Earth-clothing. Thank goodness he was saved. One of them stepped forward and smiled at him.

He said: "Mr. Monongahela Munroe, I presume." . . .

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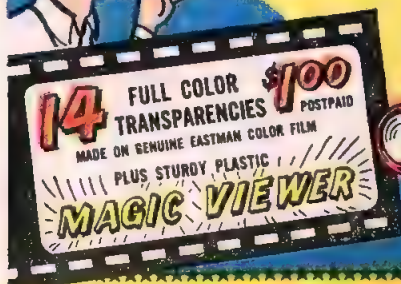


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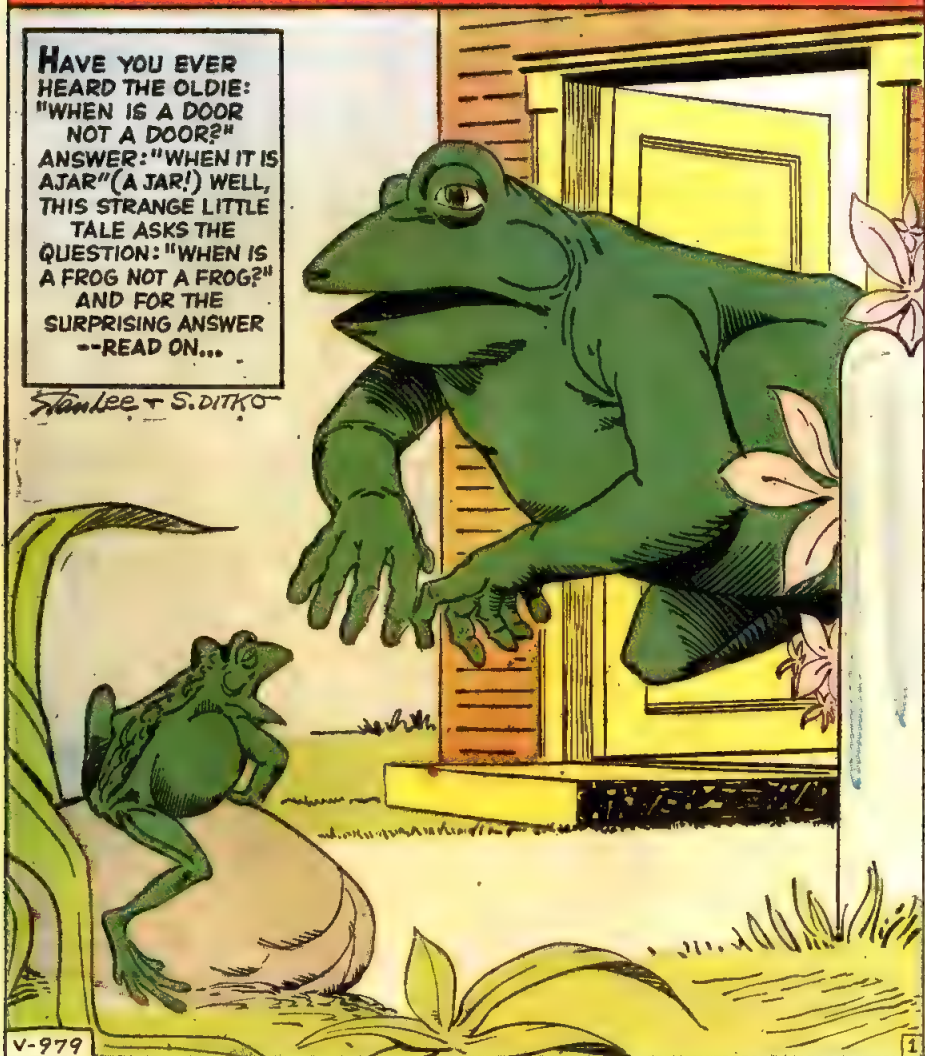
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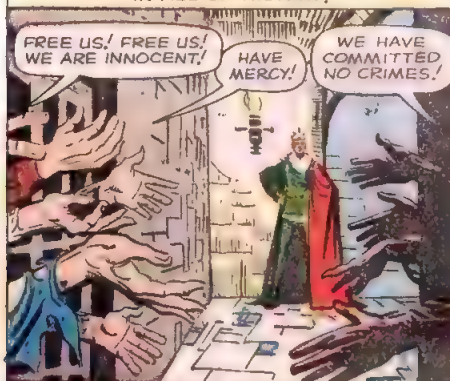
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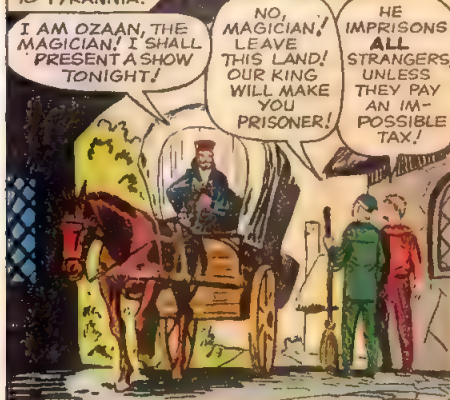
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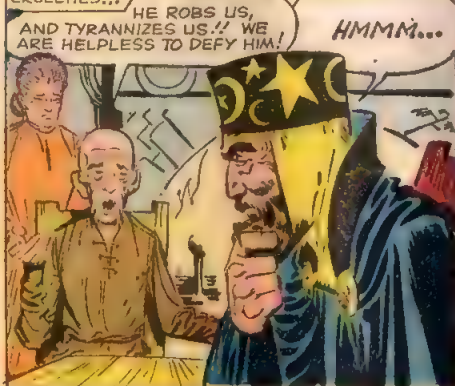
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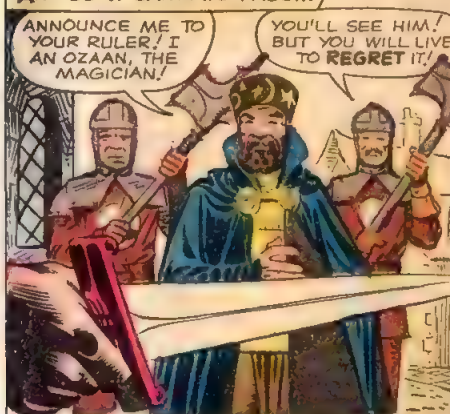
BUT ONE DAY, A STRANGE MAGICIAN CAME TO TYRANNIA!



BUT OZAAN, THE MAGICIAN, FEARED NOT! HE REMAINED--TO HEAR MORE OF KING ZAKKIM'S CRUELITIES...



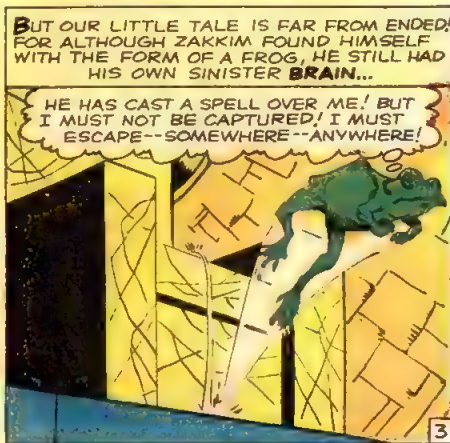
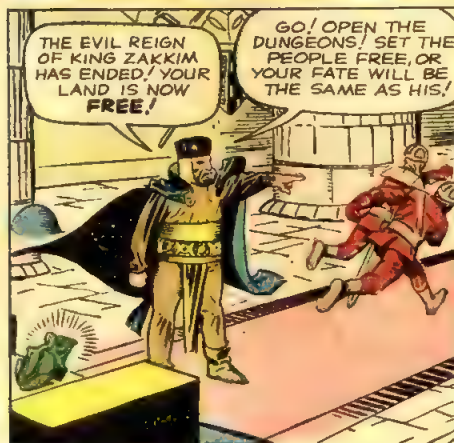
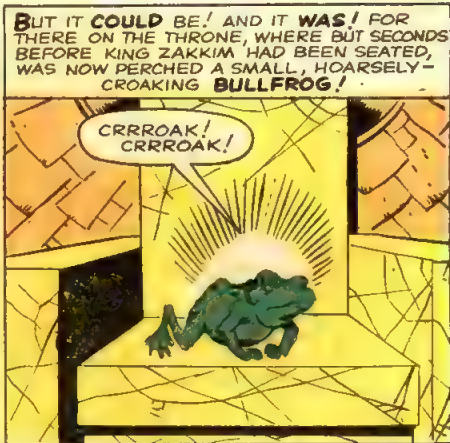
AND SO IT CAME TO PASS...



APPROACH ME, MAGICIAN!
YOU SHALL TEACH ME ALL
YOUR MYSTIC ARTS, BEFORE
I HAVE YOU PUT TO DEATH
SO THAT NO OTHERS CAN
EVER LEARN THEM!

YES, MIGHTY KING!
I SHALL TEACH
YOU! PERHAPS
EVEN MORE THAN
YOU BARGAIN FOR!







MY SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN SET FREE! THEY WILL SEEK REVENGE! THEY WILL HUNT ME DOWN! I MUST ESCAPE!

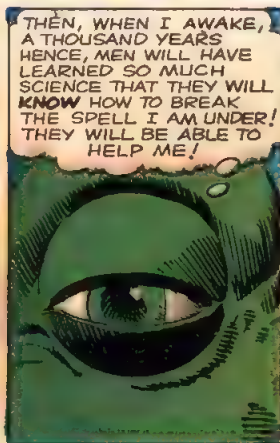


HERE, HIDDEN IN THE UNDER-BRUSH, I SHALL BE SAFE-- UNTIL I CAN FIND A WAY TO REGAIN MY NATURAL FORM!



THEN, AFTER DAYS OF DEEP THINKING...

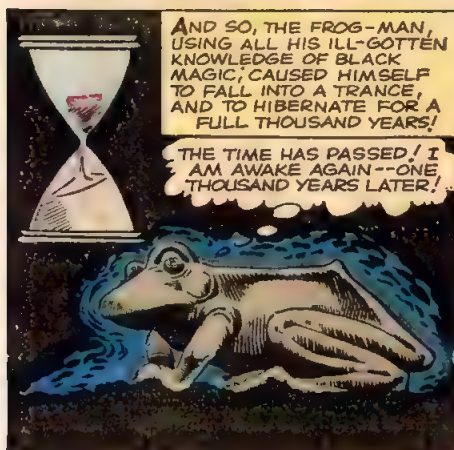
THERE IS ONLY **ONE** WAY OUT! I MUST SLEEP-- SLEEP FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!



THEN, WHEN I AWAKE, A THOUSAND YEARS HENCE, MEN WILL HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH SCIENCE THAT THEY WILL **KNOW** HOW TO BREAK THE SPELL I AM UNDER! THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HELP ME!



I HAVE LEARNED THE MYSTIC SECRET OF PUTTING MYSELF INTO A TRANCE! IT IS ESPECIALLY EASY FOR A FROG! I WILL DEFEAT THE MAGICIAN **YET!**



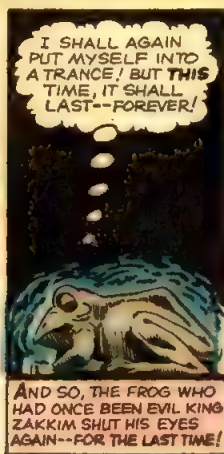
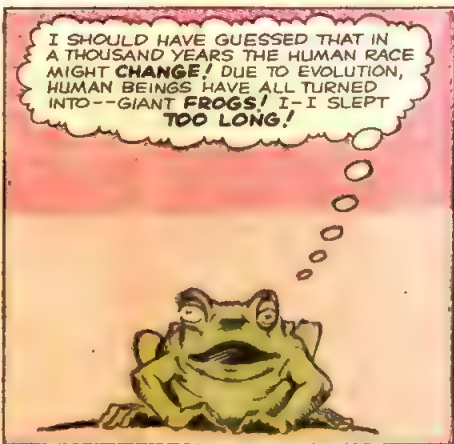
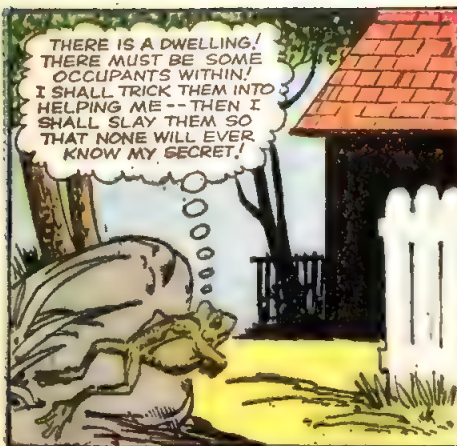
AND SO, THE FROG-MAN, USING ALL HIS ILL-GOTTEN KNOWLEDGE OF BLACK MAGIC, CAUSED HIMSELF TO FALL INTO A TRANCE, AND TO HIBERNATE FOR A FULL THOUSAND YEARS!

THE TIME HAS PASSED! I AM AWAKE AGAIN--ONE THOUSAND YEARS LATER!



ALL I NEED DO NOW IS FIND A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH SOMEONE! PERHAPS I CAN WRITE A MESSAGE BY SCRATCHING WORDS IN THE SAND...

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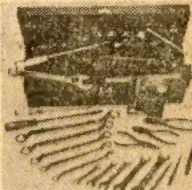
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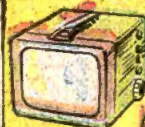
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